GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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COMPLAINT REGARDING SHORT SUPPLY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a general complaint of short supply of coal to power projects in the Country;

(b) if so, the requirement of coal of each of the power projects and the coal supplied there against during the year 2006-07;

(c) the reasons for short-supply of coal, if any, to these power projects; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure regular supply of coal during the year 2007-08?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Coal companies have sufficient coal stock to meet the assessed demand of power plants. Off- take by power utilities from CIL sources during 2006-07 was less than the Annual Action Plan target by about 4% on account of non materialization of demand, infrastructural bottlenecks, unloading constraints, transportation constraints and reluctance in building up normative level stocks by power plants at their end.

(d): The following steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to ensure regular supply of coal to power utilities during 2007-08:-

i) Emergency coal production has been planned in CIL.

ii) Commissioning of Coal blocks allotted to NTPC and other power sector consumers being expedited.

iii) Import of Coal by major Power Utilities being resorted to by Ministry of Power.

iv) Unloading infrastructure to be improved at Power House and to reduce turnaround time of Railways wagons.

v) Power Houses/ SEBs requested not to control inventory, as this leads to depletion of coal stocks.

vi) Coal movement being improved through augmentation of wagons in circuit where more coal is available.

vii) More Captive coal blocks have been allotted to consumers in power sector.